

# DETROIT PAPER MAKES AN OFFER

OFFERS AID THAT PROBABLY  
WOULD MAKE YOUR SHOP-  
PING STILL HARDER.

If you are a reader of the Detroit Free Press you have no doubt received one of those large envelopes in your paper, enclosing an announcement of the Free Press Personal Shopping Service, and also enclosing an order form for your use.

When one stops to consider this personal shopping service offered by the Free Press only one clear conclusion can be arrived at. It is hunk. The Free Press offers nothing that cannot be secured by direct purchases from any reputable business house in Detroit. You can secure this same service from your own home town business men and in case of exchanges, or goods that fail to come up to standard, as happens once in a great while, you will undoubtedly find that your home merchant will stand more ready to make the exchange that is sought, and that he will go out of his way a great deal further in making good on articles that fail to come up to standard, than the firm in Detroit. By making your purchases through another party it becomes still more difficult naturally to get just what one wants.

The Free Press says do not send money. Three places are left on the order form for references. Perhaps the grocer, the furniture dealer, the meat dealer, and others who have cheerfully extended credit to you for years are the references that the Detroit business houses would like to have one send in.

Perhaps the Free Press and the Detroit business houses feel that they can give you the same personal attention and that same satisfaction will be forthcoming from them as from the local merchants who make it their own personal business to see that your wants are filled, when you deal with them personally.

Perhaps—and only perhaps—the Free Press and the Detroit business houses will come to the aid of your city if it has some big business project to put over and go into their pockets just as deeply as the home town merchant will do in the effort to build up the home city. Perhaps they would—not.

It is the home town merchants who lend their efforts to secure new industries and work to build up the community, thereby increasing the value of your property, making a greater number of jobs, enhancing working conditions for every one. Community effort will make the city larger and better. Money spent in Detroit business houses, attracted there by the Free Press scheme of giving the same service that you can get from any business house that has a reputation to sustain, whether in Detroit or in Alma, will not build up the home town.

At home you do not have to furnish references such as the Free Press wants for Detroit business houses. Your grocer knows you. Your furniture dealer knows you. The druggist knows you. The clothing and drygoods merchants know you. They know your reputation and the value of your word, and your honesty. In Detroit, evidently, where they want three references, you are regarded with suspicion, until by these references you convince them that you are honest.

## COUNTY OFFICERS SEEKING FOR UNEMPLOYED

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ing realized conditions, an opportunity is open, not only to aid mankind, reduce taxation for poor relief, court, jail, prison expense, etc., but with little thought, to maintain and improve their property and even create new, at a lesser wage rate than will be possible in the spring, and yet with a direct resultant economic gain to the County."

The thoughts conveyed in this communication are such that they are well worthy of deep study. There are few people, who own property, but have odd jobs that could be done that would be a big benefit to the property. Some of these odd jobs mean work that could be done now. It would not be necessary to wait until spring. Bringing the unemployed to these odd jobs and others that could be easily handled during the winter months, will do much to relieve suffering in the county and to give work to those who are in honest need of it and would give a good return in work for the money that would be expended.

## SCRIPTURE John 12:44-50

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that the commandment a life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father aid unto me, so I speak.

## CIVIC LEAGUE HELD ANNUAL MEET FRIDAY

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Health Society. All requests from the State Federation of Women's Clubs have been complied with. The League wired the Michigan senators at Washington asking them to support the Willis-Campbell bill; also the League joined with the Woman's Club and the Art Club in sending a telegram to Mrs. Winter, president of General Federation of Women's Clubs, congratulating her on her appointment to the advisory committee of Disarmament Conference; and letters were written to the president of the United States and to the four delegates representing the American people at the Disarmament Conference.

Attention should be called to the good work of all committees—the educational, the good government, the can committee, the membership and the publicity committees. The town improvement committee has been very active, trying to make Alma a cleaner and more beautiful city to live in; they also had charge of the roses at the station, and the city paid are bills. The library committee will give a full report later. It is a satisfaction to be able to report the continued growth of the free library and reading room—the object of the League's greatest interest and endeavor since its organization in 1907. Many books were added to the library this year. Special mention should be made of a delightful collection of children's books; and the League was fortunate in securing Mrs. Estella Moore for reference work, as the library has grown beyond the services of only one librarian. Mrs. Moore has been treasurer of the League for over six years and one of the founders of the library, so her interest in its development is assured.

It is with pleasure we look forward to a new year. Confident that with cooperation and unselfish service much that is good can be achieved for Alma.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs. R. H. Ella B. Wilcox.

## To the Alma Civic Improvement League:

The year 1921 has brought a remarkable growth in attendance at the Public Library.

The number of books loaned during the year has been 23,031; readers, 16,747, making a total in attendance of 29,768, or an average attendance of 2,314 each month, which is an increase of 950 per month over last year's average attendance. There are at present 3,018 books in the library; 387 have been added during the year. Of these 195 were given and 342 purchased. The purchased books were selected from book lists especially prepared for the Alma Library by Miss Edith Cook, librarian in Cleveland, Ohio, after her personal inspection of the library. The committee particularly call your attention to a group of books along the lines of child welfare and education which the Child Conservation League are using for reference work and which have been commended by visitors as being especially fine. Also a large list of children's books in very nice and new editions which were purchased for children's book week. Nearly all the year's new and popular fiction, besides the better novels of our own and foreign writers and some very interesting new books of travel, biography, science, history and world problems.

The names of those giving books may be found on the book plates pasted inside the cover of each book given. The Art Club has added the year book to the set of New International presented by them last year and five books on Americanization. Members of the Woman's Club are giving books along the lines of their subject of study this year.

Because of the increase in attendance at the library, more help was greatly needed and in October we secured the services of Mrs. Moore as reference librarian. In this capacity she has helped many to the use of the Readers' Guide and magazines. Club members have benefited by her help and High School teachers have expressed appreciation of her help in school reference and English work.

Mr. Winchell is doing the work of desk librarian in his usual efficient manner.

During the week of November 13th to 19th the Library observed Children's Book Week and as a result fifty children's books, mostly new and all in very good condition, were given to the library.

In November we were pleased to co-operate with the Child's Conservation League in affording them the library room each Saturday morning where they had a story-hour for children from 10 to 11 o'clock.

You will find on the reading table the following papers and magazines.

**Papers.**  
Saginaw News-Courier.  
Detroit Free Press.  
Chicago Tribune.  
Alma Journal.  
Alma Record.

**Magazines.**  
American Boy, American Poetry, American, Collier's, Atlantic Monthly, Air Power, Baseball, N. Y. Times Book Review, Current History, Flying, Science and Invention, Forecast, Harper's, World's Work, Independent, Ladies' Home Journal, Leslie's, Literary Digest, Mexican Review, National Geographic, Outer-Recreation, Outlook, Photoplay, Popular Mechanics, Review of Reviews, Scribner's, Saturday Evening Post, Scientific American, Survey, Wallate Farmer, Youths' Companion, Photo Era, Arts and Decoration, Playground, Men's World, System, Kindergarten and 1st Grade, Bird Lore, Musical Quarterly, House Beautiful, North

American Review, St. Nicholas, Park International, Drama League.  
Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs. F. H.) Mabel B. Glass,  
Chairman.

## Annual Report of the Chairman of Educational Work.

The one great hindrance to the pupils of the Hillcrest school is the lack of sidewalks. In bad weather it is difficult for the children to get back and forth. Notwithstanding this inconvenience, the teachers report very little delinquency. There are three teachers with 140 pupils enrolled. Each room has its morning exercises, songs, stories and Bible stories. General health is very good and all seem very happy and in a progressive mood.

The Republic school comes to the front with a very modern convenience, an Opportunity Room. We have been reading of this advance step being taken in many city schools but we did not know that our Alma schools were considering such a move. We found that they have such at the Republic school and in this room are twenty pupils. Two are retarded and eighteen are subnormal. They are given the mental test and treated accordingly. A very efficient teacher is placed over them and they are given every attention.

In this school are enrolled 418 pupils with 13 teachers. There is little or no truancy, the officer being called only four times this year. Average attendance for December was 93.87. General health is very good. Each room has its morning exercise, songs, Bible stories and so on. At this school they have begun giving milk to pupils this month.

Miss Dunlap informed me that the greatest need at the Washington school was a new modern building. They have 11 teachers and an enrollment of 350 pupils. General health is good. Few subnormals. Not many delinquents. Each room has its opening exercises once a week.

Lincoln school is in need of an Opportunity Room. Miss McLaren said that the general health is good and little or no delinquency. This school has 11 teachers and an enrollment of 450. Morning exercises in the several rooms consisting of songs and the story period.

The High School had an enrollment at the beginning of the year of 333. On December 1, 307. The average attendance for December was 293. They have 16 teachers who have regular classes and five who have one study hour. There are 60 teachers in all in the public schools.

Mrs. H. M. Page.

## BRECKENRIDGE

A Ford automobile driven by Milton King, 1202 Michigan avenue, of Alma, accompanied by Lawrence Miller, living four miles north of Breckenridge, was struck at the Pere Marquette crossing Saturday noon by a freight train going at a good rate of speed. Both men received severe injuries around the head and it is thought that Lawrence Miller might lose his eye.

Broad Bartrem, who has been in poor health for some time, left Wednesday morning to take treatments in the hospital of Mayo Bros. at Rochester, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wood of Fairgrove spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wood.

Mrs. Hiram Sexton passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cassie Stezire, of this place, Sunday, January 1. The funeral was held in the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. W. Stillman conducting the services. Interment took place in the Breckenridge cemetery.

President Warriner of the Central State Normal school at Mt. Pleasant will speak to the Parent-Teacher Association next Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. President Warriner is well known in educational circles and we are assured of a very interesting and instructive talk.

Max J. Mead of Detroit spent the week end in this place with his brother, Henry, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Clio Wertz and Mrs. Agnes Crawford enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCall Sunday.

Armond Counselman and Miss Mildred Steinhoff were in Alma Sunday evening.

Miss Ellen Doty was an Alma visitor Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser and baby boy of Saginaw were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Naffziger.

Fred E. Moffatt spent the week end with his mother at Greenville.

Mrs. J. B. Sabin went to Edmore Thursday to visit her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas.

Mrs. Bert Graham was brought home Sunday from Dr. Hall's hospital at Pompeii where she underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall stones. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

The Schubert Ladies' quartette, the third number of the citizens' lecture course, presented a very entertaining program of vocal and instrumental music and readings Wednesday evening. There was a large audience present all of whom seemed to be highly pleased with the entertainment.

Meivin Flowers, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Dr. Hall's hospital of Pompeii was brought home Sunday.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings we received in our recent bereavement of the death of our mother and grandmother. E. L. McComber and family. Chas. Palmer and family.

## Classified Ads

Ads under this head charged for at the rate of one cent a word, with a minimum charge of 25 cents. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance. All ads telephoned in must be paid for before day of publication to insure insertion.

## WANTED

WANTED—Carloads of baled hay. Phone me and I will come and see your hay. O. A. Kates, phone 490, Alma, Mich. 209 E. Downie St. 34-c

WANTED—Three or four furnished light house keeping rooms, close in, not more than two blocks from Wright House. Best of references. Address Box F, Record. 34-c

WANTED—A number of good feeding pigs weighing about 100 lbs. J. A. Bartley. 32-c

WANTED—Young men, women, over 17, desiring government positions, \$130 monthly. Write for free list positions now open. R. Terry, (Former Civil Service Examiner), 735 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C. 34-3p

WANTED—Young women and men to learn stenography or salesmanship at home. Big demand, typewriter furnished. Free employment Service. Write for free literature on course you prefer. Federal Extension University, Champaign, Illinois. 34-2c

WANTED—A party to keep house completely furnished in exchange for rent, heat and light. A man and wife preferred. Inquire 603 State St., Alma. 34-1p

WANTED—A position for nursing or housekeeping. Inquire Mrs. Annie Dove, 308 Elwell St. 34-1p

WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. State cash price, full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minn. 34-12p

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A hand tooled brown hand-bag containing small change and other articles. Return to Record office. 1p

LOST—One pair of girl's brown kid gloves, and one girl's Beaver muff. Finder please notify J. E. Hall, Dodge Garage. 34-2-chg

LOST—A red collie dog with white strip on his back. Phone H. B. Hall, Riverdale. 34-1c

LOST—Achoth sorority pin set with pearls. Name engraved on back. Finder leave at Record office. 34-1c

FOUND—A Mexican service badge. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this notice. Inquire Alma Record. 34-1c

## FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern six-room house, furnace, bath, electric lights and gas, on Francis ave., first house north of Michigan ave. Inquire of F. E. Pollasky, room 21 Pollasky block. 28-4f-c

FOR RENT—A six room modern house. Inquire 816 Woodworth or 207 E. Holland St. Holland Furnace office. Must be reliable parties. 34-2p

FOR RENT—Steam heated apartment. Inquire at 219 or 743 State St. 34-1f-c

FOR RENT—Two furnished sleeping rooms, three blocks from the City Hall. Price \$2.50 each per week. Inquire at Record office. 34-1p

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dining room set, real bargain. Inquire 225 Philadelphia ave. Phone 819 Black. 33-f-c

FOR SALE—Ten to twelve tons of A No. 1 alfalfa hay. Inquire phone 429 or at 408 Park avenue. 33-2p

FOR TRADE—House near Republic, will trade for vacant lot or automobile. Inquire 423 Gratiot ave. N. 34-1p

FOR SALE—Fresh milking cows guaranteed as represented at from \$50 to \$70. Also Shorthorn bull for sale, Fames Pride 724792, 3 years old, very gentle and a fine specimen of the breed. W. E. Bartley, Alma, Mich. 29-f-c

FOR SALE—Farmers and stockmen, now is your chance to buy young registered Duroc sows, good growthy ones, with best of breeding, at reasonable prices. Inquire W. E. Bartley. 29-f-c

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc hogs, originating from the best strains. For further particulars call Smith & Walston, opposite Bailey school-house. Phone 5, Kings 5, Alma. 31-f-c

FOR SALE—Shorthorns and O. I. C's. Young heifers and bulls. Tuberculin tested, Spring pigs and bred gilts, cholera immune. All stock registered free and guaranteed satisfactory. J. A. Wilk & Son, Alma, Mich. 31-f-2p

FOR SALE—Fine 7-room residence in quiet section in Detroit, near school and on paved street and alley. For further particulars call phone 5-5R, Alma. 32-f-c

FOR SALE—One single harness, one closed carriage. Both in good condition. Apply for further information of Mrs. O. V. Pice, 316 Marshall St. 34-2c

FOR SALE—Good dry wood, promptly delivered. \$2.50 per cord. Phone 241 or Short's store, phone 634. 34-1p

FOR SALE—One close-tite winter top for Ford touring car. Inquire of Putnam Bros., 412 Pine st. 34-1c

FOR SALE—A small farm, two miles north of Alma. Inquire H. A. Granger, R. 5, Alma, Mich. 34-1p

FOR SALE—Twenty white leghorn hens. Call phone 12-1115. Mrs. Robt. Fleming. 34-1p

FOR SALE—Or will rent, a barn. Phone 721. 34-2c

FOR SALE—Four forty acre farms with good buildings. Will take some Alma property on same, also have party with three vacant lots and balance in cash to trade for a house and lot in Alma. Inquire of Landis & Stafford, Bahlke Bk., Phone 136. 34-1p

## MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—I do all kinds of carpenter work, large or small jobs, also cabinet work and furniture repairing. Frank Hines, 112 Moyer Ave. Phone 19. 31-f-2p

FOR EXCHANGE—or will sell, equity in 42 acres of fine land all improved, near Breckenridge and Wheeler. Inquire of Geo. E. Sharrar. 32-f-c

HELP THE SALVATION ARMY—To help the poor and needy of Alma, any old shoes, worth repairing that are left at the Shoe N Hat Store, Mr. Angelus will repair and turn over to the Salvation Army officer to be given to the poor. Also if you have any old clothing, if you will call the Salvation Army the officers will call for them. 33-f-p

## DR. ROBERT MACGOWAN.

Dr. Robert MacGowan of Pittsburgh has had the advantage of both American and European study and platform experience. He holds degrees from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and the University of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Doctor MacGowan is a master of the art of clothing his thoughts and sentiments so that even the superficial listener may understand and appreciate. There is a musical ring to his voice and a youthful magnetism



DR. ROBERT MACGOWAN.

about the man himself that immediately put him in the good graces of the audience to which he is presented.

During the summer of 1920 he toured one of the principal Redpath Chautauqua circuits and had the distinction of receiving one of the highest ratings ever accorded a lecturer on that circuit.

Doctor MacGowan's brilliant, stimulating lectures are in great demand at colleges and universities throughout the country.

## Painting Coffee Beans.

One of the flourishing industries in Rio de Janeiro is that of coffee painting and polishing the raw coffee beans being fluted, preparatory to shipment to South Africa, where that flut helps to sell the coffee. While the plain black grain is preferred in Brazil, experts say the polishing and painting are not harmful, because all the graphite, ochre and other materials used are disposed of when the berry is roasted.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Sailor Also Skillful Hydrographer.

Captain Cook, the famous navigator of the eighteenth century, was the most skillful hydrographic surveyor of his time. His charts of the coast of Newfoundland are not yet wholly superseded by the more detailed surveys of modern times, and his charts of the Society Islands, in the Pacific, were used officially for 120 years after his death.

## Royalty Asks Favors.

Royalty is not averse to asking favors of great men, and when the prince consort of Holland learned that Sir Charles Macrae, the "cotton king," was a friend of Mr. Carnegie, he asked if he would not use his influence with the millionaire toward getting an endowment fund established for the upkeep of the great palace of peace.

## Watch Your Children's EYES



To neglect your children's eyesight is to incur a grave responsibility. Have us examine them, that you may learn their true condition, and whether or not glasses are necessary.

We never advise glasses unless absolutely required.

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